

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3601**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Certificate of Need for Open Heart Surgery Services		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3601 amends Section 44-7-180(B) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the State Certificate of Need (CON) program administered by the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC). The Bill allows CON approval for new open heart surgery services, notwithstanding any other review criteria or standards, at any hospital within any South Carolina county which offers diagnostic cardiac catheterization services with utilization of at least 1,200 cases during the previous year, and provided that no other open heart surgery programs are located in the same county as the applicant.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health & Environmental Control reports that since the Bill would eliminate the necessity of the standard CON review analysis relating to health planning issues for applications for new open heart surgery services, there should be no additional cost to the agency.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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